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"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, . . . Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water . . . Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory," John 2:1-3a, 8, 11b.



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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

COVER PICTURE

Miss Margaret Lena Christenbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Christenbury, of Mt. Mourne, N. C., became the bride of Rev. Willis E. Lankford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lankford, of Canton, N. C., in a pretty ceremony at the Church of God in Mooresville, N. C., Wednesday, December 20, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Rev. G. F. Carter, pastor, officiated.

Miss Geraldine Waugh, of Mooresville, pianist, gave a program of nuptial music preceding the ceremony.

The bride wore a navy blue suit, with navy and white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Mrs. Lankford at present is a junior at Davidson High School, and plans to continue her studies there and at Lee College in Cleveland, Tenn.

Rev. Lankford is a graduate of Canton High School and Lee College at Cleveland, Tenn. He served for 2½ years in the Air Corps, being stationed in California. He is now doing evangelistic work.

COMING EVENTS

Evangelical Hosts Will Invade Chicago in April

The 1951 Annual National Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, April 10-13. This will be the fifth time the Convention has been held in Chicago in the nine years of the NAE's existence.

Chicago is not only the railroad and meat center of the United States, but is being recognized increasingly as the center of American Orthodoxy. Chicago and environs boast many of the outstanding evangelical educational institutions in America as well as churches, and is rapidly becoming the center for evangelical foreign mission boards. Many of the important interdenominational organizations, known the world over for their evangelical testimony, have headquarters in Chicago. This is true of the National Association of Evangelicals, the most representative body for the evangelical cause in America.

The 1951 convention will bring together the greatest array of exhibits, representing the evangelical cause in its many facets, ever seen in this country. Delegates will have the opportunity of meeting representatives and officials of America's greatest evangelical publishing houses; its outstanding Christian colleges and Bible schools; faith and denominational missions; and specialized groups in Sunday School and Youth Work.

Outstanding speakers and conference leaders will appear on the program now being completed under the direction of Dr. J. Palmer Muntz.

Rev. Harold G. Taylor, Convention manager, says, "Plan now to attend this important gathering of some sixty-seven denominations. Unity of worship and action has characterized these national gatherings. Delegates and visitors eagerly look forward to the NAE Convention for the inspiration, vision and challenge gained

State Conventions and Camp Meetings

Arizona	April 23-29
Florida	June 12-22
Georgia	Aug. 13-19
Iowa	July 30-Aug. 5
Kansas	June 11-16
Michigan	June 20-21
Kentucky	July 2-8
Mississippi	July 17-22
Montana, Youth	July 16-22
Camp Meeting	July 22-29
Nebraska	July 3-8
New Mexico	July 17-22
North Carolina	July 2-8
N. and S. Dakota	June 26-July 4
Ohio	July 2-8
Oklahoma	July 2-8
Pennsylvania	July 23-Aug. 5
South Carolina	June 26-July 5
Tennessee	Aug. 20-26
Colored Assembly	May 13-20



Rev. Jacob (Jake) Knight
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through the work-study groups on scores of subjects and spiritual messages. Come to Chicago, April 10-13."

Hotel Reservations for NAE Annual Convention

Delegates and visitors to the Ninth Annual National Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, April 10-13, should make reservations for the Convention at once to avoid disappointment.

Following are the rates: \$5.00-\$9.00, single room with bath; \$7.50-\$8.00, room with double bed; \$8.50-\$12.00, room with twin beds; \$9.00, three in one room; \$10.00, four in one room.

Those who are interested in cutting down on expense, are advised to plan rooming with two or three others.

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Editorial

A CHURCH BUILDER GOES TO JAIL

Yes, sir, regardless of how un-American, undemocratic, and, certainly, unchristian it was, the God-fearing, law-abiding citizen, Pastor Jacob (Jake) Knight, whose picture you see on page two, was placed behind the common jail bars of Greeneville, Tenn., by the strong, courageous, brave city police on the evening of February 24, for the terrible crime of laying a church foundation. I felt I should tell you right off that this happened in one of the cities of one of the 48 states of the United States, for fear you would think it was in Russia. Certainly it stinks so much like Communism, that you would not expect to smell such an odor this side of the iron curtain. Then, too, I am greatly embarrassed over having to admit that an atrocity like this happened in one of the most historic towns of Tennessee, the state to which I have become greatly attached by the five and one-half years of service I have rendered the Church of God throughout its 95 counties. Before I go farther, in defense of this great Volunteer State, I hasten to say I am still puzzled as to why in the world a thing like this happened in Greeneville, Tenn., and, at the same time, I am of the firm opinion that it would not have happened anywhere else in this great State.

Brother Knight was licensed by your editor June 12, 1943, while he was state overseer of Tennessee. He is a little man in size, but a giant in heart and soul for God and the church. At present, he and the membership have a very small and ordinary building on top of a hill, in a very rough and inconvenient section of the city. The church has had a struggle for years to exist. While I was in the State as overseer, 1941-1944, it was difficult to keep a pastor with the work. It is my understanding that it has been the same with the work since then. Some time ago, the present overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaube, assigned the work to Brother Knight. Despite the fact that he has a wife and several children, and the church is not able to fully support him, he has stood by the work and conducted a radio program that has a high rating. Not only that, sometime ago he and his district overseer, Rev. Colon T. Dunn, located one of the most beautiful lots in one of the most ideal locations in Greeneville, valued at near \$2,000. They paid cash for it.

Recently a bulldozer was hired to excavate a basement. While that was in process, even though he had been issued a building permit, a policeman asked that he discontinue the work, but he continued until the excavating was done. After that, it is my understanding, a few of the citizens got up a petition that the building not be erected. When they started the work again, an injunction was filed against the legality of the building permit. The work was discontinued for several days, but when the weather got pretty, the pastor's zeal for God and His church grew so warm he could not refrain from beginning the work on the basement. So, on Saturday morning when he and some of his faithful members began the work, two big, brave policemen with badges, pistols, blackjacks, and everything else that goes along with arresting notorious criminals, I suppose, went out and apprehended Brother Knight for his terrible crime against the city of laying the foundation of a Church of God building on property which he had a title deed for and a permit to build on.

The puzzling thing about it is, I understand, the same great and indispensable character in the city's powerful machine who had signed the permit to build signed the warrant for his arrest. That's not the only contemptible thing that was done. Before this two policemen showed their utter disrespect for our precious Brother Knight by driving up to his house and honking, blowing and tooting on their horn, to the disturbance and wonder of his neighbors, instead of going to his door and speaking to him like he was a white man and gentleman, concerning his building project. Not only that, they became so desperate to notify Brother Knight that an injunction had been filed against the legality of

the permit, that one of the very punctual-minded policemen actually intercepted him at a funeral in which he was the officiating minister to serve the notice on him. Really, it looked as if it had become a matter of life and death with the officers. Great men if you want me to tell you! Great men of ethical standards! Great men of courtesy, men who actually know how to deal with the public! Those men, I am sure, were in special training before they ever were selected to serve as policemen for such a great city as Greeneville, Tenn.

You see, when the church was built out on the hill and, of course, had moved from place to place from little better than shacks to this very humble place, the various pastors and the good members were thought of as "holier-than-thou" fanatics—oh, well, you know how a lot of people have talked about us when we were struggling and striving to carry on and get established as a church. Of course, I certainly do not mean that all the people of Greeneville took that attitude toward our people there; but they have been more or less considered as the banished religious group, those on the outside of the *high walls of the city*, and were the object of both hypocritical sympathy and merciless ridicule. When the time came that they could put down the spot cash and buy property in a lovely location on the inside of the city walls, the cry was, "They've come to town! We'll have to put them out! We can't afford to let them build here!"

The permit, to my understanding, which was granted was the same kind of permit granted to all the churches and everyone else who built. It was perfectly all right until a few people became disgruntled, who, perhaps, cared nothing about God, and certainly nothing about the Church of God nor the welfare of the community especially, but just wanted what and whom they wanted around them and nothing else. Therefore, for their precious sakes, it became convenient for the very fellow who issued the permit (I was informed) to do about-face and issue a warrant for our preacher's arrest—that awful, mean, loathsome, heinous Church of God preacher.

What had he been doing? Preaching the full gospel of Jesus Christ that saves men from hell and prepares them for heaven, a gospel that keeps people out of jail, makes the work lighter on the city police and the county sheriff, stops people from drinking whiskey, killing each other, and deserting their families. Why, he had been visiting and praying for the sick, raising money for the destitute and needy, funeralizing the dead, preaching the gospel over a radio broadcast which was stirring hearts all about and helping them to be better citizens. These were the crimes Brother Jake was guilty of, but the *chief crime* of all his crimes was his *effort to construct a church building* where men and women, boys and girls, could meet in peaceable assembly and worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

This privilege was provided by our forefathers in the Constitution of the United States. It will do the Greeneville city police and council good to know it stands like the Rock of Gibraltar to safeguard the rights of the Church of God (like all denominations), with headquarters at Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tenn., with a membership of 200,000 (at this time), and property holdings throughout the world worth millions of dollars. But, if we didn't have anything more than the little building on top of Bald Knob, or whatever the knob is called, there in Greeneville, our people there would still have their constitutional right to build a Church of God building any place, on any street in Greeneville, Tenn., to which they might hold a title deed. Neither the pastor, the district pastor, nor the state overseer is ignorant of this and many other rights that are theirs as representatives of the Church of God. It is only natural that they will defend themselves against this aggression on the local Church of God there in Greeneville.

Brother Knight was released after a matter of several hours. I don't know just how this case will turn out, but I predict that the Greeneville, Tenn., Church of God membership will eventually have a beautiful church building completed on their property to worship God in, and that the present city officials who are responsible for having put Brother Knight in jail will never live long enough to live down their shame.

INTERESTING REPORTS

DISTRICT CONVENTION, WILMINGTON, N. C.

The initial district convention in North Carolina convened February 12, 13, in the Church of God in Wilmington. For one month we had been enjoying a good revival with the district pastor, Rev. L. O. Henry, and his good people, and it was our pleasure to be there and share in the great blessings of the convention. The whole meeting was characterized with the blessings of John 17 and Acts 2. In all of my peregrinations of twelve years of preaching, I have not attended a convention that had better unity and zeal for God's work. I met not one that seemed disturbed by foe or scruple.

Our esteemed state overseer, Dr. Earl P. Paulk, was present to moderate in all the transactions of the convention and to bring the message for both evening services. In Brother Paulk's own inimitable method and style of propagating the gospel of Christ, the large crowds felt the inspiration, burden, and obligations of such words as recorded in Judges 3:20, "I have a message from God unto thee: and he arose out of his seat." God's message always brings people to their feet. There was a great response on the people's part to renew their vows to God.

Our Brother Paulk has an aggressive evangelistic fervor, for which the true people of God today are clamoring. His first message was "How May

We Identify God's Church." I think I may say, without fear of flattery, it was the best sermon on the church I've ever heard. It was perfectly free of sectarianism that usually accompanies this subject, and at the same time it left no room for appeasement. It fanned into a literal flame the zeal of the Church of God members, because they saw in it a Biblical verification of our position in origin, name, doctrine, and practice. His message Tuesday evening was a Bible picture of the "missionary sacrifices of Saint Paul." During this sermon we all climbed into the balances of God's Word to measure our stewardship and to give account before His bar. All of us confessed that we were "wanting" and asked for the merit and mercies of God in Christ to fill up the breach, upon the promise that we would do more for "missions" henceforward.

It may be said, however, that the whole district was 100 per cent in every article of their quota, and this may suffice to explain the blessedness of the convention. Our total missions offering amounted to \$1,143.63. One "new church" was organized on the district, and every department in the original societies had a notable increase. Brother L. O. Henry, the district pastor, is a profitable servant in the kingdom of God, and his work is helping the church in this part of the State. We wish, also, to express our appreciation to all of the minis-

ters and members of this district who helped our revival to profit for the Church of God.—Evangelist B. Sunday Myers.

MOST MIRACULOUS HEALINGS EVER WITNESSED

ELKINS, W. Va.—The good people of this beautiful, friendly city rejoice with me for the great honor of having Rev. Thea Jones and Dr. A. C. Wilson with us for one week. Over 400 were converted, with hundreds going through the prayer line. At times there were two prayer lines. God used both Brothers Jones and Wilson in the most miraculous healings I have ever witnessed. People came from far and near, and this community, including business and professional men, is stirred. Brother Jones' presence would command demons to obey, and Dr. Wilson would electrify and hold his congregation spellbound. Businessmen said, "We have never heard anything like that."—Ray Morgan, pastor.

PICKENS, S. C.—The Church of God at Pickens has had a great revival, with Rev. Carl Ellenburg as the evangelist. Regardless of the cold weather people came out. There 15 saved, 9 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. The church here is going forward, and we desire your prayers that God will continue to bless.—C. L. Hall, Pastor.



TULARE, CALIFORNIA, GATHERING

This fine group picture of a great gathering at Tulare, California, was taken by our very good friend Brother Fisher, of Reedley, California. The occasion was an effort to break the existing Sunday School record. A heavy fog which blanketed the Tulare area Sunday morning, Novem-

ber 26, hindered their efforts; but in spite of the adverse weather conditions, the attendance was 177.

A wonderful dinner was prepared by the good ladies of the church between the services, and the afternoon was climaxed with a great youth rally.—Golden State News.



Church Joining

By Rev. W. H. Compton, Pastor at Delbarton, W. Va.

Scripture reading: St. John 3:1-21.

Text: St. John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Context: St. John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

In the beginning, I desire to say that I am not endeavoring to teach a new gospel, but I trust that I may, by the help of the Holy Spirit, emphasize the importance of the new birth. In this day, there are many who are told that all one must do to become a Christian is to join the church. It is right and proper and important to join a church if your heart is right with God.

THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH. It qualifies one for heaven and eternal life. Without it one will never be saved from the lake of fire. One must be in possession of the spiritual birth before he is entitled to any of the other blessings of God promised to the believer. There are some things that we can do without and be safe, but one is not in safety unless he has been born again of the Spirit of God. Thank God for the privilege of being born again. In order to get a drink it is necessary to put forth an effort. Therefore, our Maker demands that we have the new birth in order to become children of God. God Almighty, in His great infinite wisdom and power, made provision for fallen humanity, that we could be redeemed from sin. He was willing to give His only Son, and the Son was willing to come. Praise the Lord, they were not only willing, but they put that willingness into action. Then Jesus came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly.

THE NATURAL BIRTH. The natural birth brought us into this world, hence we have natural life. The spiritual birth is explained as it is to get the idea to the human heart and mind. Even with the illustration Jesus gave Nicodemus, he was unable to understand. He was a great man, highly educated, but in the face of all the human intelligence, he was in the dark as to how a man could be born the second time.

Friends, we are not in position to figure out the great mysteries of God. The best thing to do is to believe God and take Him at His word, and everything will work out perfectly as He teaches. We should remember that in Job 26:7 we are taught, "He . . . hangeth the earth upon nothing." A God

that can do that can do many miraculous things that are not understood by mankind. The natural birth brings one into one life, and the spiritual birth brings one into another life, a spiritual life with the Lord Jesus Christ. The first birth puts us in the world, but the second birth takes the world out of us.

The natural birth is one that perhaps the majority of fair-thinking people have a very fair conception of, yet there are untold mysteries relative to it; but we know that the natural birth is a reality. Now, if people would look at the new birth in the same light, we would have better light on the entire subject. We should know that God expects us to believe the new birth even though we don't thoroughly understand every little point about it. I don't understand how the sun, moon, and stars hang over my head, but they do and that is all that matters.

THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH. I am sorry to say but it is surprising how few church members know what the new birth really is. Thousands and thousands of church members are absolutely strangers to the new birth. People who are born again are those who have the Spirit of Christ. So when you see people who possess the spirit of the devil, you know they do not know the realities of the new birth. I believe the new birth changes the life of an individual. I am confident that when one receives the new birth, the spiritual birth, the new life, he will be a disciple of Jesus Christ in this dark world of sin.

WHEN SHOULD WE JOIN THE CHURCH? My answer is, Not until we have repented and been born again. In Matt. 3:8, we read, "Bring forth therefore FRUITS MEET for repentance." John the Baptist absolutely demanded something from the people before he would baptize them. Therefore, friends, this should be definite proof that a man is expected to repent of his sins to the Lord before the new birth can be wrought in him. When he repents, is converted, the Lord Jesus Christ comes into his life, and God the Father, for Christ's sake, justifies him, then is when the new birth takes place, and that is what every human being needs today. Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone would seek the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour! Those who have never been born again don't know that they are missing the only worthwhile life.

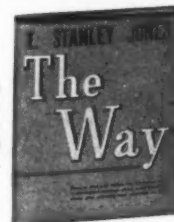
Many are just joining the church hoping that will save them, but church membership is for Christians

and not for sinners. A lady told me she got tired of going to formal churches and hearing things that did not satisfy the soul. She said, "I used to hear messages on hell fire and damnation, but I don't hear them any more." Later she said, "Well, I have joined the church expecting it to take me to heaven, and if that doesn't take me I have made no other provision." That person has neglected the right so long that perhaps the devil has caused her to believe that the old way of living for God is out of style. Yet, the card-signing, hand-shaking, letter-receiving way of joining the church alone will never do one any good. One must be born again before church joining will profit one.

My dear reader, how often have you seen people who are church members and their lives were not according to the qualification of a child of God? We must not forget that a tree is known by the fruit it bears. If one is sinful, he is not righteous. If one is righteous, he is not sinful. One cannot be both right and wrong at the same time. Can a spring produce sweet and bitter water at the same time? No. Neither can a man be a saint and sinner at the same time. So, joining the church is all right if your heart is right with God, but if not, then there is no profit in becoming a member of any church, so far as eternal salvation is concerned.

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Heroes of Faith

By REV. E. W. ASHMORE, PASTOR, ADEL, GA.

God's army has suffered many a casualty in the conquest against sin and the devil; but regardless of the cost, we will stay in the fight until the Captain of our salvation appears and we are swept off to glory in the face of the evil forces of the devil, in the greatest air lift the world has ever known. We realize, however, that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood," as said the apostle, "but against principalities and powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Even though many of our comrades have suffered martyrdom at the hands of the enemy, yet we who remain must carry on the fight against the enemy, invade his shores, tear down his strongholds, rescue the perishing, set at liberty those who are bound, and repulse every attack with a constant charge as the blood-stained banner of Jesus waves high, ever marching onward, carrying out the great commission of our Commander-in-Chief, Matt. 28:19. We must call for more and more volunteers, as God's army has no draft-ees. We must rearm our ranks and recharge our ministry with the mighty power of God until the zeal of evangelism wades ashore on the beachheads of all nations, and the gospel has bombarded the uttermost parts of the earth.

We must call to remembrance the words of the Apostle Paul to endure hardness as a good soldier; also, remember his last message which he sent back from Rome at the time of his departure. 2 Tim. 4:7, 8. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." At this time Paul rejoiced because he was going to be promoted high above the ranks of this world. He was going to receive the medal of honor for service rendered far beyond duty. He was warned of what would befall him at Rome, for one disciple actuated in the Spirit how he would be bound at Rome; but Paul boldly declared he was not only willing to be bound, but to die also for the name of the Lord Jesus. That very thing he did, but he got the message through that the Gentiles might hear.

He suffered sabotage and felt the effects of the fifth column by Alexander the coppersmith, but he recovered the loss. The Christian world profited by this daring attempt of this faithful soldier, and not by this only, but by many other campaigns which were launched by him and a few faithful comrades suffering hunger, shipwreck, cold, and afflictions, storming ashore on the beachheads of

some unevangelized territory held captive by the devil. For example, remember what happened when Paul and a few prisoners scrambled ashore on the Isle of Melita. It was an adventurous landing. It was the best they could do, for their ship was torn to pieces, but not a man was lost. The result was amazing, inasmuch that the inhabitants thought God had come down to be with them. The heroes of God's kingdom had taken another stronghold, and the banner of Christ was flown full mast.

Great have been the results of God's great army down through the ages as it marches ever onward through this wilderness of sin, suffering great loss and afflictions of the enemy. It never

loses its morale nor ever realizes defeat, but presses "forward to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus," tackling the giants of Satan for Jesus though being greatly outnumbered. It is always more than conqueror by faith in Christ Jesus, with no time or thought for any retreat.

This great conquest must go on, but not for the material gain of this old world, for we consider that godliness with contentment is great gain. Never can we compromise nor accept an appeasement. This great conflict must go on until we have wrested every honest-hearted captive from the clutches of Satan and the remainder is annihilated. This will surely come to pass when God drops His super weapon as recorded in Rev. 20:9, "... and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Then will this great conflict be over.

God's heroes will splash ashore once and forever on the sunny shores of

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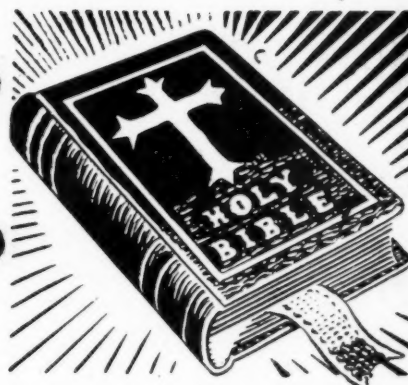
LOOK WHAT WEST HILLSBORO, N. C., HAS DONE



Picture of the New Parsonage Just Completed at West Hillsboro.



Rev. and Mrs. Frank Petrucelli, the Pastor and His Wife at West Hillsboro



Lee College

A CHURCH OF GOD INSTITUTION

Spiritual Emphasis Week Followed by Sermon Series

January 28 to February 4 was officially declared as "Spiritual Emphasis Week" on Lee College campus, with the Reverend Ray Hughes, pastor of the North Chattanooga Church of God, as special speaker.

Lee College students were spiritually lifted with outpourings of God's power in a measure unequalled since the great Holy Ghost revival of last year.

The revival started, unofficially, on Saturday evening, January 27, in the Walker Hall prayer service. Many continued in prayer throughout the night.

Sunday morning Brother Saayman, of South Africa, spoke on the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Sunday afternoon several students began praying in the

auditorium at the supper hour and prayer continued all night.

Each morning Brother Hughes brought inspiring messages in the chapel services, some of the classes were turned into prayer sessions and prayer services were held at night. As a result twenty-five students were baptized with the Holy Spirit and many confessed Jesus as their personal Saviour.

During the two weeks following Spiritual Emphasis Week, Brother Johnson and Brother Gause brought a series of sermons in the chapel services each day. The main topic of these messages has been the Sermon on the Mount.

LEE COLLEGE A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE

I wish to express my gratitude to the Lord for the privilege of attending Lee College.

Since being at Lee, I have learned to trust in the Lord more. My faith has been greatly increased by seeing how God can and is supplying the needs of the students here. My soul has been blessed many times by hearing others testify of how God has supplied their every need since they are trusting in the Lord. Jer. 32:27, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"

God meets with us in our classrooms and chapel services, as well as the other services here at school. Much shouting and outward manifestations do not always determine the good derived from these services, but it is the pureness of our hearts and the peace within.

For the past two weeks we have had as our chapel speakers two members of our faculty, Brother R. P. Johnson and Brother R. H. Gause. For one

week, Brother Johnson spoke from Matthew 5, "The Sermon on the Mount." Brother Gause brought inspiring messages, also, that benefitted the student body, faculty members, and visitors. We are glad to have these two men on our faculty at Lee.

Too, Brother Yates and Brother Humphries have done their part with the music, in leading the singing and getting students to participate in our chapel services. Here at Lee we have some fine solos, duets, trios, and quartets, also a Mixed Chorus, Ladies' Chorus, Men's Chorus, and College Choir.

I do wish more young people could attend Lee. I feel this is a melting pot for those who wish to consecrate and surrender their lives to the Lord.

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I am sure that if more young people could visit Lee for a few days, they would have a desire to become students

and enjoy the goodness of God as we do now.

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When I leave Lee College, I am sure I shall miss it like I do home. I plan to help more people attend Lee, as this is one of the finest places I've ever lived. Young people, you are missing some of the most wonderful times of your life by not attending Lee College.

I'm glad God brought me to Lee.—Alice E. Kiser, War, W. Va.

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God's Prophetic Timepiece

By Clyde C. Cox, Pastor, Charleston, S. C.

TEXT: "And that, knowing the time, that it is now high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom. 13:11.

INTRODUCTION: In the last days man has designed what we call "a time clock." This instrument is timed to control the starting and stopping, or on and off, of electrical apparatus. Another type of time clock is used to check in and check out workmen. God has His own timepiece to measure His dealings with mankind. All prophecy is timed and fulfilled by His time clock. Time has brought us a long journey, and NOW it is HIGH TIME, or the fulfillment of time. Jesus said, "I will come again," and that DAY is upon us. It is time to awake out of sleep. "Salvation," mentioned in our text, coincides with the Red Sea incident. Moses said, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord," Exod. 14:13, or see God deliver His people from the Egyptians. The second return of Christ will be "UNTO SALVATION," Heb. 9:28. In this article we shall deal with the events that God has timed and fulfilled as per His timepiece. The timepiece says, "Eleven-thirty." Look for the dawn of that new day.

THE LAST DAYS

The beginning of the last days was when Christ, according to God's timepiece, was born. "Hath in these LAST DAYS spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom he also made the worlds," Heb. 1:2. Also, in the beginning of the last days the Holy Ghost was to be given. "And it shall come to pass in the LAST DAYS, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh," Acts 2:17. The birth of Christ was so timed that the Holy Ghost informed Simeon he would not die until he had seen the Lord Jesus. He expected the birth at any time. No doubt he visited the temple daily, looking for the Babe Jesus. He did not know the DAY nor the HOUR, but he did know that summer was nigh. When the time set for Him to be born was come, the Babe was born. "But when the fulness of the TIME was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law," Gal. 4:4. If His first coming was so TIMED, and He arrived on that appointed time, you may look for Him to come the second time on TIME.

THE CRUCIFIXION TIMED

As His birth was timed, so was His crucifixion and resurrection TIMED. The DAY and TIME of His death was orderly timed, and He could not possibly die until the time was fulfilled. Herod nor any other man could destroy the Christ before His time. His

hour, or time, was not yet come. The mother of Jesus at the marriage in Cana of Galilee came to Him and said, "They have no wine." Jesus, taking the opportunity to express that He had a TIME or HOUR to die, answered her, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? MINE HOUR is not yet come." John 2:3, 4. Jesus informs His brethren that they may expect to die any time, but He has an HOUR or TIME to die. "Then Jesus said unto them, My TIME is not yet come: but your TIME is always ready," John 7:6. They could not lay hold on Him until His TIME was come. They were unsuccessful on several occasions to apprehend Him. "Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, BECAUSE HIS HOUR was not yet come," John 7:30.

Did Jesus take knowledge that His time to die was at hand? Yes, He knew very well when His TIME was come. "Now before the feast of the passover, when JESUS KNEW THAT HIS HOUR WAS COME that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the END," John 13:1. In the garden of Gethsemane, as recorded by Matt. 26:40, Jesus desired that His disciples "watch with him ONE HOUR." Christ well understood that the LAST HOUR was at hand and that He would be delivered up for the sins of the whole world. After that third prayer, Jesus committed Himself to the will of the Father and into the hands of sinful men to be crucified. "Behold, THE HOUR is AT HAND," Matt. 26:45. This was that positive, crucial HOUR that had been long awaited by the Lord. At the supper Jesus knew His hour was come. It was expressed in His words to Judas Iscariot, "After the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, DO QUICKLY," John 13:27.

THE RESURRECTION TIMED

Jesus knew the day He would be resurrected even before He was crucified. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in THREE DAYS I will raise it up," John 2:19. He was speaking of the temple of His body, v. 21. This saying was a mockery at the crucifixion, "And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in THREE DAYS, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross," Matt. 27:40. At His trial this was used as evidence against Him to the high priest, "And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it IN THREE DAYS," Matt. 26:61.

All hell could not hold Him in the

grave when the morning of the THIRD DAY was come; His words had to be fulfilled. "And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the THIRD DAY HE SHALL RISE AGAIN," Matt. 20:19. On that blessed DAY, very early in the morning, the first day of the week, the three Marys came and found an empty sepulchre, as He had said, "I will raise it up." The angel said, "He is risen."

DAY OF THE LORD

The resurrection and other events in Christ's life were fulfilled as TIMED by the scripture; so will the DAY of the coming of the Lord be. "But the DAY OF THE LORD will COME as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up," 2 Peter 3:10. "That day" has been set and we know not the TIME of His coming, but we do know that there is a DAY and an HOUR appointed. "Because he hath appointed a DAY, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead," Acts 17:31. The raising of Christ from the dead as TIMED is assurance unto us that God will keep His promises of His return, in accordance with His TIMEPIECE. Matthew informs us that there is a set DAY and HOUR, and only God Himself knows. "But of that DAY and HOUR knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my FATHER ONLY," Matt. 24:36. Paul looked forward to THAT DAY and expected "a crown of righteousness, at THAT DAY," 2 Tim. 4:8. At least Paul knew when his time was come, "For I am NOW ready to be offered, and the TIME of my departure is AT HAND," 2 Tim. 4:6. It is high time now that we make ready for our departure in the rapture—TIME TO AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP.

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

The speedy fulfillment of the scriptures brings us very near the close of the gospel dispensation. Christ can gather His people unto Himself NOW without breaking down any scripture. "That in the dispensation of the FULLNESS OF TIMES he might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, BOTH which are in HEAVEN, and which are on EARTH; even in him," Eph. 1:10.

The approach of the antichrist is a definite Biblical fact of the soon coming of the Lord. The working of the antichrist is timed; he will be re-

vealed in the time that is appointed to him. "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might BE REVEALED IN HIS TIME," 2 Thess. 2:6. Paul said that the "spirit of iniquity" or "mystery" was already working and that "HE," the Holy Ghost, must first be taken out of the way, then "that wicked one be revealed." Many are now being deceived by the spirit of antichrist. Because of that condition, God has sent **STRONG DELUSIONS** that they may believe A LIE and be **DAMNED** because they believed **NOT THE TRUTH**. That **DAY** is here; the doctrines of devils are being preached and many denying the **TRUTH**. "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **LATTER TIMES** some shall depart from the **FAITH** (the faith once delivered unto the saints), giving heed to **SEDUCING SPIRITS** and **DOCTRINES OF DEVILS**," 1 Tim. 4:1. The deceptive spirit of the antichrist is truly in the world today.

Paul said, "For the **TIME** will come that they will not endure **SOUND DOCTRINE**; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the **TRUTH**, and shall be turned unto fables," 2 Tim. 4:3,4. Paul teaches us that false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ, would appear as ministers of righteousness, 2 Cor. 11:13-15.

We have reached the climax. The Christ and antichrist nations **NOW** face each other. Russia, doubtlessly, is an antichrist nation. Several years ago there were many powerful nations that could make war and disturb world peace. Today, however, we have only **TWO GREAT POWERS** that are able to make war or force the world to recognize their might—the United States of America and Soviet Russia—the **U.S.A.**, a **SHEEP NATION**; and Russia, a **GOAT NATION**.

It looks as if we **MAY** be headed for the conflict between the Christ and the antichrist. We are now waging a war of nerves between the **SPIRIT** of the **ANTICHRIST** and the **SPIRIT** of the **CHRIST**. When Christ is preached in **TRUTH** and **POWER**, the spirit of antichrist rebels from the pulpit by some reprobate teacher. Some go sky-high when they think of Catholicism; others preach "Always in Graceism," a sinning religion which in my way of thinking is as bad as Catholicism. Thousands are deceived and being deceived.

IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP. Preach hellfire and brimstone, holiness or hell. That is the only doctrine that will deliver the world from false doctrine. Holiness ministers are expected, even by worldly-minded people, to preach holiness as clean as purified silver, as white as snow, and as red as the blood of Christ. The world is not expected to wonder after holiness, but after the antichrist. "The whole world will wonder after the antichrist," Rev. 13:3.

Some will say that the antichrist will not affect the United States, using for their thought that we were an unknown world at that time. That is true, but the same will apply to Christ

and the gospel. "And he said unto them, Go ye **INTO ALL THE WORLD**, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. The same Bible said, "**ALL the WORLD** wondered after the beast, and **ALL that DWELL UPON THE EARTH** shall worship him." We have received Christ, shall we not receive the antichrist in this then unknown world? Maybe we are not upon the earth, or are we?

We have thousands who wonder after any false doctrine; yea, millions wonder after and worship Father Divine. He, Father Divine, is not the antichrist; **HE IS A FALSE CHRIST** that Jesus said would come. False christs and false prophets are to be forerunners of the antichrist. It is time to stop beating the devil around the bush; pull up the bush, and beat the devil. If this is the **TIME** of the revelation of the antichrist, and we do know that his time is nigh, it is then **HIGH TIME TO STAND IN THE HOLY PLACE**, take hold of the arm of the Most High, and look up, for **OUR REDEMPTION IS NEARER THAN WE BELIEVE**.

THE SEASON OF TIMES

God's people are fully aware that we are in the **SEASON** of the **TIME** of our Lord's return. God ordered Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt and appointed the **DAY** and **MONTH** that they were to make the exodus. The fourteenth day of the first month was the appointed time to eat the passover, and the next day they were to leave Egypt. Exod. 12:6-11; Num. 33:3. Paul writes of the season and day that God has appointed for Christ to return. "But of the **TIME** and **SEASONS**, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the **DAY OF THE LORD** so cometh as a thief in the night," 1 Thess. 5:1, 2.

Israel again plays a part in the doings. Moses led them to Palestine out of Egypt. Christ told of their plight in Palestine which began in A.D. 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem. "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive **INTO ALL NATIONS**: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the **TIMES** of the **GENTILES BE FULFILLED**," Luke 21:24. The fig tree is a true symbol of the Jews' return to Palestine. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all things, know that it is near, even at the doors," Matt. 24:32, 33.

Near B. C. 606 under the rule of Nebuchadnezzar, the Jews lost their sovereignty of Palestine and were ruled over by the Gentile nations. The disciples expected Christ to restore the kingdom of David to Israel and become their king. "When they were therefore come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at **THIS TIME** restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the **TIME**, or the **SEASONS**, which the Father hath put in **HIS OWN POWER**," Acts 1:6, 7. There was a **TIME** and a **SEA-**



Rev. Clyde C. Cox

SON but only God knew, just as **ONLY** the Father knows the **DAY** and **HOURLY** His Son will come again. For over 2,553 years Palestine was under the rule of the Gentile nations. Not until March 15, 1948, when the British withdrew their mandate over Palestine, was the free State of Israel established.

The thousands of Jews returning to Palestine, the national homeland of the Jews, is the **FIG TREE** putting forth leaves, and Luke expected Jesus to come when this takes place. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your **REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH**," Luke 21:28. The seventy weeks of Daniel's vision was a prophetic timepiece, marking time to the Jews. Dan. 9:24-27. The walls were to be finished during the first seven weeks and after sixty-nine weeks the Messiah was to be cut off. The one week will be the week of tribulation—week of years which is seven years. The antichrist will receive an agreement with the Jews for this week.

TIME OF THE END

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the **TIME OF THE END**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," Dan. 12:4. Daniel was aware that he was writing of events that would take place in the time of the end, not the end but the **TIME OF THE END**. John on the Isle of Patmos viewed the sealed book in the right hand of God. Jesus took the book and opened the seals. The breaking of the seals presents the two beasts and the deadly powers of tribulation, with fiery destruction to those having the mark of the beast. God has so timed His work that we understand His plan very distinctly.

Some entertain the school of thought that the world will end when
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Foreign Missions

Every Creature
All the world—

J. H. WALKER, SR.
Executive Missions Secretary

Highlights of General Overseer's Trip to South Africa

Brother Chesser, your General Overseer, and Brother J. H. Walker, your Executive Missions Secretary, are in South Africa on a mission in the interest of the Church. An organization is there known as the Full Gospel Church, with approximately 50,000 members, which is contemplating affiliating with the Church of God. Brother Chesser and Brother Walker are exploring the possibilities of a merger. Naturally, there are many problems to be discussed, and they felt that a personal interview with the officials of this church was necessary. They will also visit our own mission work while in Africa.

Brothers Chesser, Walker, and J. H. Saayman, of Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South Africa, the former moderator of the Full Gospel Church in South Africa and now a member of the Church of God, left New York by plane Friday, February 9, 9:35 p. m., and arrived in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, the following Sunday night. From there they are traveling to Brother Saayman's home by automobile which had been shipped prior to their departure. We thought perhaps you, the *Evangel* readers, would be interested in some of the highlights of their trip thus far, and are giving you some excerpts from Brother Chesser's letters to his family:

Monday, February 12, 1951—Here we are in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, Africa. We arrived last night after 10:00 p. m. We had a nice trip all the way. When we arrived, no hotel rooms could be had; so the Pan-American agent took us to the hospital. No beds were available there, but they let us have a large room with chairs, so there is where we spent the night. This room is where the convalescents sit some during the day. We have secured hotel rooms (Palace Hotel) now and don't know yet when we can get away, as the car is not here. They said for us to come back after 3:00 p. m. and maybe they could tell us something then. So, I don't know when we will get away, but as soon as we can get the car.

Brother Saayman can speak some French, and that is a great help. This is a Belgian possession, but many of the people speak French. It is a long road by car. Some say the road is O.K.; others say it is bad. We shall find out this week, the Lord willing.

We got the car this evening and will be leaving here tomorrow, which is Tuesday.

Sunday night, February 18, 1951—Well, it is 9:45 p. m. Sunday night here which is 2:45 p. m. Sunday in the U.S. I am tired. We have traveled since Tuesday morning and burst the oil pan on the car. It is a slow go

through deep ruts and we get stuck in the sand ever so often. It seems I have gone a long way up and down and yet it looks like it will be almost another week before we get to South Africa. A long road, but a beautiful country.

We have stayed in mission stations three nights, and we are here in a Presbyterian mission in Lulabourg. We have not seen a railroad since Tuesday morning, but we have reached a town where a railroad comes through, so it seems we are almost back in civilization again. We have not eaten in a restaurant or stayed in a hotel since Monday night. You see we are taking it in the rough.

The people have been very friendly and nice to us. Some of the natives run when they see the car coming. If they have a basket or something on their heads, some of them get so afraid they drop their load; others dodge out in the jungle and keep their load. We lose lots of time at ferries, waiting for natives to take us across. We have been stuck so bad it took about ten of the natives to get us out. A Packard is no car for the interior of Africa.

We have had no news, no paper to read, or no radio program. It seems like we have been almost out of contact with the world. We buy some things to eat on the road and try to make it to the mission stations at night.

(We shall endeavor to keep you informed of the trip by these brethren from time to time.—Editor)

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Lieutenant William Reavis Roberts, Chattanooga youth and air pilot in World War II, who was killed in line of duty in the crash of his plane near Calcutta, India, in 1944, wrote "A Soldier's Prayer." Neil McDade, who went to school with Reavis Roberts, said that the pilot always seemed to have a religious turn of mind. His mother, Mrs. Patti Roberts Moore, is a resident of Chattanooga. And here is the hitherto unpublished prayer of this Chattanooga youth, who gave his life on his 23d birthday in far-off India:

"Almighty God, Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces, be with this soldier in his hour of need. Strengthen my heart that I may have the courage to perform my duties to my country and Thee. Strengthen my mind that I may not lose sight for what I fight. Strengthen my soul that I may not hate my fellow man nor forget the ideals for which my Saviour gave His life.

"I beseech Thee, O Lord, to be with my comrades-in-arms wherever they may be in this world. Cheer them in their hours of melancholy and depression; befriend them when they feel all alone; lighten their hearts when they feel homesick. Share Thy infinite wisdom with them when they lose sight of their goal and wonder for what they are fighting.

"We pray, O Lord, not only for our comrades, but for the brave men of all nations. Be with them in their hour of need and try to show them

their mistake.

"We ask Thy mercy for our friends and comrades who have given their lives. Judge them justly and we know they will be in Your Greater Army, for Thou, O Lord, dost see beyond their seeming callousness. Forgive them of their faults and take them to Thy bosom.

"Be with the families of those who are gone. Keep them from becoming bitter. Comfort them when the other boys return.

"And now, Father, we ask Thee to make us strong and true, capable of victory and just peacemakers. Amen."
—CHATTANOOGA TIMES, by Alfred Mynders.

PEACE THROUGH CHRIST

I hear the words of love,
I gaze upon the blood;
I see the mighty Sacrifice,
And I have peace with God.

'Tis everlasting peace,
Sure as Jehovah's name;
'Tis stable as His steadfast throne,
Forevermore the same.

The clouds may go and come,
And storms may sweep the sky,
This blood-sealed friendship changes not,
The cross is ever nigh.

I change, He changes not;
The Christ can never die.
His love, not mine, the resting place;
His truth, not mine, the tie.

—SEL.

CHAPLAIN PRAISED FOR REHABILITATION WORK

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A little-publicized aspect of the work of Army chaplain—the rehabilitation of GI prisoners—was brought to light this week when the office of the Chief of Chaplains released the text of a letter written by a former inmate of the United Disciplinary Barracks in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friends:

As I think back over the few months I have just finished spending with you, I think also of one who is among you for several seasons and has done his best to help and guide you. So few of you seem to know him. So few even know his name. Yet he is there, always with a cheerful smile. A quiet sort he is. He never has much to say except for God. This man will help you I know, for he helped me. Maybe he doesn't know it, but he did. As I listened to him Sunday after Sunday, I learned to enjoy the hymns he taught the choir. He led me to a path that leads to God; to the strong belief that God is on our side, after all, if we're on His. He'll do it for you, too, each and every one of you, if you'll let him. Of course, even he can do only so much. But he'll do what he can; this I know. He can't give you civilian clothes and send you home, but he can show you an easier path to follow during your stay at Cumberland. Use what he has taught you, not only in the Army, but use it too when you've returned to civilian life, for God is always there. We always need Him. Your friend who is there with you will help you live your life with God. This man is your chaplain—Andrew H. Beahm.

Chaplain Beahm, a minister of the United Lutheran Church in America, is a native of Aaronsburg, Pennsylvania. He attended Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, and served the Trinity Lutheran Church in Milton, Pennsylvania, prior to his first tour of duty with the Army, which began February 9, 1942. He was relieved from active duty in February, 1946, but returned to uniform in December of the same year.

TWO CHAPLAINS FLY 33,000 MILES ON OVERSEAS MISSIONS IN 1950

More than 33,000 air miles were covered by two Air Force chaplains during 1950, according to a report by Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of USAF Chaplains.

The missions, designed to promote religious observance, were held at bases in the Pacific area, the North Atlantic, and in Europe. The chaplains' log recorded 559 services during their year's travel.

Beginning at Guam in January, the chaplains also held missions in the Philippines and Okinawa before arriving in Japan in March. They left Japan May 19, to hold missions in Hawaii. Their itinerary then included visits to USAF installations in the North Atlantic before going to Eng-



land. The remainder of the year was spent at bases in England and Germany.

WHY THE RETREAT OF OUR BOYS IN KOREA

By MRS. EARL BROWN, LENOIR CITY, TENN., A MOTHER WHO HAS A SON IN SERVICE

The first and greatest reason for the retreat in Korea is the lack of interest in our churches today. We are too self-centered and not willing to sacrifice our time in prayer and our means for this war. I remember that during World War II, our good churches would have special services just to pray for our boys and would

They Say . . .

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds. . . ."—Abraham Lincoln.

PREACHING, NOT THUNDER

A celebrated preacher, who was remarkable in the first period of his ministry for a boisterous mode of preaching, suddenly changed to a dispassionate mode of delivery. When asked what had made him change his method, he replied: "When I was young I thought it was the thunder that killed people, but when I grew older and wiser, I discovered that it was the lightning. So I determined to thunder less and lighten more."—From Tom Olson, in the Sunday School Times.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RULE

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.—J. Wilbur Chapman.

SILENCING A GOSSIPER

Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ (Phil. 1:27, Golden Text). Jane Parsons was a good woman who was anxious to be at peace with all, and particularly wished to be on good terms with those who lived near her. But Agnes Saundry was such a 'newsbag' that her calls on Jane were neither few nor far between. Nor did she appear to know the way out when she

really get hold of God and leave believing God was going to answer their prayers. Today so many, instead of praying the prayer of faith and believing God, are wanting our nation to drop the atomic bomb, which would destroy thousands of people who don't want war. I know many church members gave the atomic bomb praise for peace in the other war, and forgot all the prayers that were prayed by our good mothers and fathers and wives and loved ones. It really was God who heard from heaven and answered those prayers.

When we, as Christian America, return to God on our knees in prayer, and believe God, we shall see a great change in this war, and we shall win the victory. When our faith in Jesus is stronger than the faith of the Communists in Joe Stalin, we shall have peace on the earth. So many of us let our faith be shaken over so much trouble in our land, but the Word of God tells us not to be soon shaken in faith, but to be steadfast. We need not expect anything from God if we are as a wave on the sea, soon shaken. I know the Word says, "There will be wars and rumors of wars," but that does not mean that God is pleased with our precious boys giving their lives in this awful war. He knew that sin would be so strong in these last days until there would be wars. But war is caused by the satanic forces of hell, and it is up to our churches of today to get victory over the power of the enemy through that stronghold on God and our love one for another. We can see our boys win and come home again to us if we take this matter to God as we should.

got in. Jane found Agnes' conversations both unprofitable and disagreeable, for she made so free with other people's names. This made Jane unhappy, so much so that she dreaded the woman's coming. She resolved to lay the matter before her pastor, who at once prescribed a remedy. This was it: Keep your family Bible on the table, and when she has been in the house long enough, ask her to read a chapter or a Psalm and pray with you. Jane followed this excellent advice. So the next time the troublesome woman called, she said to her: "Agnes, you are a good scholar. I wish you would read a chapter or Psalm, and pray with me; it might do both of us good." Agnes excused herself on the ground that she was very busy. She would gladly do so another time when she could stay. We need scarcely say that Jane had no further worries with Agnes' gossiping in her house.—From Christian Life.

PERFECT CURE

One pint of faith, one pint of virtue, one pint of knowledge, a pint of temperance, a pint of godliness, a pint of brotherly kindness, a pint of charity, one good resolution, well shaken together three times a day, with prayer, will cure the devil's rheumatism, evil eye, blasphemy, grumbling, backbiting, tobacco habit, deceit; kills the nerves of prejudice and purifies the blood. If we can get the worst man there is to use this prescription, it will restore him to manhood and respectability with God and man; it will make him love his own wife and children better; he will want to put them under the same treatment.

Now, if we can get this remedy used in the homes of this country, it will cause the ladies to wear full dresses, stop theatre-going, cleanse hearts from inbred corruption, and preserve souls blameless; it will stop men's wives from joy-riding with other men. Shake well before using; rub until it affects the heart; keep this up 366 days in a year, and if it doesn't cure you, you can bankrupt heaven.—Publisher Unknown.

SKYLIGHTS

"SO GREAT SALVATION"

Hebrews 2:3

1. A Great Leader (2:10).
2. A Great Following (1:14).
3. A Great Duration (5:9).
4. A Great Manifestation (6:9).
5. A Great Scope (7:25).
6. A Great Deliverance (9:28).
7. A Great Responsibility (2:3).

—Chester D. Reich.

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

John 6:35

1. The Bread of God (John 6:33; 1:1; 1:14).
2. The True Bread (John 6:32; 15:1; 14:6).
3. The Given Bread (John 6:32, 33, 51; 3:16).
4. The Needed Bread (John 6:34; 1 John 5:12; John 3:18, 36).
5. The Satisfying Bread (John 6:35; Ps. 107:9; 17:15).
6. The Sent Bread (John 6:38-40, 44, 57).
7. The Living Bread (John 6:51; Rev. 1:18; John 6:47).

Wm. H. Schweinfurth,
Moody Monthly.

NIGHT

By FLORENECE JONES HADLEY

Wide-eyed I gaze into the solemn night.

Full well I know my couch would softer be

Had I but stopped between my tasks to smooth
A little head that leaned against my knee.

Had I but set my lips to softer speech,

One had not turned in bitterness away;

Ah me! That we should hurt the oftenest

The ones for whom we toil and dream and pray.

Could I forget, for just a little space,
The beggar turned unalmsed, un-
blessed aside;

If I could shut from sight the heavy cross

My brother bore up the steep mountainside;

O, clearer vision, born of night and tears!

Full well I know my couch would softer be

Had I but set my lips to softer speech

And smoothed a little head upon my knee.

—Home Life.

"AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE"

The life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ are a standing rebuke to every form of pride to which men are liable.

Pride of birth and rank. "Is not this

the carpenter's son?"

Pride of wealth. "The Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Pride of respectability. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Pride of personal appearance. "He hath no form nor comeliness."

Pride of reputation. "A friend of publicans and sinners!"

Pride of learning. "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"

Pride of superiority. "I am among you as he that serveth."

Pride of success. "He came unto His own, and his own received him not."

"Neither did his brethren believe on him." "He was despised and rejected of men."

Pride of ability. "I can of mine own self do nothing."

Pride of self-will. "I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

—Gospel Message

YOUR GREATEST DAY

By NATHAN HOWARD GIST

For some time I have considered the remarks of people who described what they regarded as the greatest day in their life.

With some it was a stroke of good fortune in business. With others it was the discovery of some method or device that made the daily grind less boresome. With others the thrill of an athletic contest or bagging a good haul on a hunting or fishing trip. The 'great' days were the days of material joy, excitement, or unsuspected pleasant surprises.

All right. We don't begrudge these folk the happy bounce to life that they have relished and without which life might be intolerably dreary to them.

But the greatest day in any life is the day when the corner is turned and we come face to face with self, when we are born anew, break with the past, and discover the mold in which each is poured, the one thing that each can do better than anything else. It is the day when one determines what shall be his life

work, and when that thenceforth becomes his chief interest.

We know others better than we know ourselves, which accounts for much of the second-rate work of our world. Few do several things equally well. Each can probably excel in one pursuit.

The discovery of self, what one can best do, the elements of power which need to be unlocked, is the greatest of all discoveries. Find that, and you will have found yourself and success will be yours. The sooner you go after a thing, the sooner will those victories be yours.

Be ready with all your equipment for that day of self-introduction when you become a new creature.

TIPS

A wealthy man who spent a month at a hotel last summer had the same waiter during his entire stay. After each meal, he gave George, the waiter, a tip of one cent. Such liberality would have been scorned by many a waiter. But George was not that kind. His service was always prompt, efficient, and courteous.

At the end of his visit, the wealthy guest called George and said, "I've been giving you a tip after each meal, haven't I?"

"Yes, sir; thank you, sir."

"Well, would you mind returning all those tips?"

The waiter returned with 82 pennies. Mr. Man put the pennies into his purse. Then he gave George a check for eighty-two dollars.—*Evangelical Messenger*.

CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP

1. In Worship—"Assembling together" (Heb. 10:25).

2. In Thanksgiving—"Praising God" (Acts 2:47).

3. In Harmony—"One accord" (Acts 2:1).

4. In Service—"Laborers together" (1 Cor. 3:9).

5. In Citizenship—"Fellow citizens" (Eph. 2:19).

—W. T. Forshaw.

THE COMING OF THE LORD

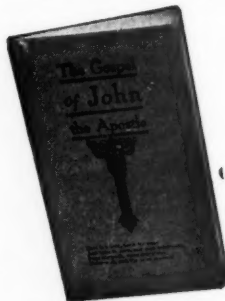
1. Transformation (Phil. 3:20).

2. Translation (1 Thess. 4:17).

3. Presentation (Eph. 5:16).

4. Manifestation (1 John 3:2).

—J. Waugh.



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OLD-FASHIONED REVIVALS

GRAYSVILLE, Tenn.—We have just closed a 5 weeks' revival, with 54 saved, 40 sanctified, 26 filled with the Holy Ghost, 26 added to the church, and 20 baptized in water. Sister Syble Cannon was our evangelist. She is a wonderful speaker and will be a blessing to any church. She preaches holiness and lives it.—J. T. Rhymmer, pastor.

HILLIARD, Fla.—God is blessing at Hilliard. We've just closed a 2 weeks' revival, with Brother Earnest Bryan doing the preaching, whom God anointed each night with the Holy Ghost. There were 4 saved, 2 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. I recommend Brother Bryan to any church. His address is Linden, Fla.—Clarence W. Wood, Pastor.

FARMVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed a revival with Millard Maynard as the evangelist. Eight were saved, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. As a whole the church was greatly blessed. Brother Maynard's sermons were inspiring and awakening to the need of more fasting and prayer. We praise the Lord for the good blessings He poured out on the people. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the church here. For the past 3 Sunday nights we have had over 200 in Y. P. E. We also thank God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister T. L. Little. Pray for us.—Mrs. David May, Reporter.

BELLE GLADE, Fla.—Belle Glade, Fla., reports a good revival. We began with Brother and Sister Coleman, of Oregon, the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day. The revival closed one week before Christmas, with 5 new members added to the church. Then on December 29, Evangelist L. C. Heaston and his evangelistic party, which consists of Paul and Connie Childers, musicians, and Sister Childers, who sings, began a revival. The church was too small for the crowds, so we moved to the old theatre building which could seat 600 people. Many people found out what the Church of God was, and time and eternity only will tell the results. There were from 40 to 60 at the altar each night seeking God for an old time experience, and many testified to the healing of their bodies. There were 23 baptized in water and 22 added to the church. We are planning another baptismal service as there are more to be baptized, and others plan to unite with the church. The district banners for the Sunday School and Y. P. E. are both hanging in the Belle Glade church, for which we are proud. Many said Belle Glade could never have a revival, but they know differently now. There have been 28 additions to the church since the Assembly, for which we give the Lord all the praise.—A. R. Heaston, Pastor.

WICHITA, Kans.—The South Wichita Church has just closed a 3 weeks' revival, with Rev. E. G. Castleberry, of Memphis, Tenn., as our evangelist. To say this was a great revival would be putting it mildly. It was expressed by most of the people as being the greatest revival here since the church was set in order. We have three churches in Wichita; we received full cooperation from the other two, and they received benefits by it. Every night was a special service. God wonderfully poured out His Spirit, and souls were in the altar seeking the Lord. Many were healed of diseases and testified to same. Brother Castleberry preached old time repentance, born-again Holy Ghost salvation. Any one desiring him for a revival will do well to get him. He is a fine young evangelist, and God is blessing his ministry. There were 15 saved, 8 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. At the close of the revival, new people were coming every night. Every department of the church has increased, and the church is on fire for God and moving forward. Pray for our work here.—John E. Hargrave, Pastor.

REVIVALS! REVIVALS! REVIVALS!

Yes, that is what I want to report, the revivals that have been conducted here at Whitmans, W. Va., since I came here about six months ago.

Let us study carefully the definition of the word "revival." It is the act of reviving; a revival of religion is renewed interest in religion, after indifference and decline. We see there is no mention of conversion or evangelism in the definition of revival. But, the real meaning is "to revive that which has weakened or nearly died."

So, it seems that many of our people to-day want a revival only; that is, a time of rejoicing and feasting among the saints only, instead of evangelistic services to bring about the conversion of the sinners. Usually, by the time the church is revived and ready for the evangelistic services, it is ready to close the so-called "revival."

Anyhow, I want to report our revivals, and our evangelistic services farther on in this report. Our first revival was last September; it was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Murphy, formerly of Florida. The interest in his services increased steadily, but he was unable to continue the services for only about two weeks.

Our next revival was in November. Rev. Ralph Williams was our evangelist for this revival. Interest in this revival increased until it seemed we were about to enter the evangelistic stage; then, an unusually deep snow fell, and we closed the services.

Our next revival was in January; it reached the evangelistic stage. Rev. Nathan C. Pyrtle, of Williamson, W. Va., conducted the services during the first week.

Then, the Rev. Miss Lillian Baker, of Northfork, W. Va., continued the evangelistic services, as she had been engaged previously. A number of sinners were converted, and a few persons testified to having been baptized with the blessed Holy Spirit. This was the most evangelistic services we have had since I have been here. Sister Baker is a splendid young lady. She plays the piano, has a good education, and is, far above the average. I recommend her without hesitancy.—B. E. Hicks, S. T. D., Pastor.

TURNERVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival with Rev. James A. Sanders, of Prentiss, N. C., as the evangelist. There were 13 saved, 7 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. The Church of God at Turnerville would like to say that Brother Sanders would prove a great blessing to any church. It was the best revival we have had for years. The church is growing in every way. We praise God for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Delk.—Willard B. Sanders, Clerk.

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—A 2 weeks' revival closed here January 21, with Sister Roy Douglas as the evangelist. Sister Douglas did some wonderful preaching. Brother Douglas was with us in a few services. His messages were greatly enjoyed and several were healed. Brother and Sister Douglas have proved a real blessing to our church. Twenty were saved, 15 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. We truly praise God for all.—Gertrude Clements, Reporter.

SPRINGFIELD, N. C.—We are really praising God for the wonderful revival He has given us. God has really been good to us. There were 21 saved, 17 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 12 added to the church. Our evangelist was Rev. J. L. Holland. We appreciated the way the Lord blessed and the way Brother Holland preached under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. We also appreciated Sister Holland, who worked so faithfully, helping us in this revival. We really thank God for our pastor and his good family, Rev. and Mrs. Lane N. Puette. They are doing a great work here in Springfield and have been a blessing to our church and the community. Pray for us.—Louise Grant, Reporter.

STRIVE FOR HOLINESS 1 Thessalonians 5:15-23

PRAYER SUGGESTION: "Spirit and soul and body... preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord." A life free from blame before the Lord is the will of God for all. God has grace to enable us to say 'no' to fleshly enticements and 'yes' to exhortations to righteousness. Surrender of evil is all that God asks of us. A clean life is the best life and the blest life."

Seek God Now

By Evangelist CLYNE W. BUXTON, Rt. 7, Box 71, Prichard, Alabama

Genesis 6:3 "... My spirit shall not always strive with man. . . ."

A sad thing took place one night at a country church in Mississippi. God was blessing in a summer-time revival, for repeatedly He had visited His people as they worshipped in the sultry July evenings. This night was different. The Holy Ghost was there blessing with His glorious presence, but it seemed He had something unusual to tell the people.

A mother began to speak in tongues, and God gave an elderly brother the interpretation. The message was this—some one was getting his last call to accept God. The mother cried, "That call is to my son!" Solemnity pervaded the congregation. Would the boy accept God at this, his last opportunity? Could he spurn such a warning as this?

Just as the Biblical account is given of the prodigal's father gazing into the distance for the return of his long-lost son, the mother now quickly scanned the congregation for her lost boy. Upon seeing him she went to him and earnestly told him of what the Holy Ghost had warned. Some of the people were seeking God while others looked on as he rejected his mother's pleading. The mother wept as she sobbingly reminded her boy that according to the Spirit's warning this was his last chance.

A strange feeling pervaded the building. All seemed to sense that a soul was at stake and was making his decision for all eternity. While the mother pleaded to no avail, the Christians wept and prayed to God. The son endeavored to quiet his disturbed soul and to soothe his mother's broken heart by telling her that he would seek God the following night without fail. But the Holy Ghost had distinctly said this was the last night.

On the following evening saint and sinner alike gathered as usual for the meeting. They came to hear the good singing, to praise God, and to hear the evangelist preach. God had been blessing, and the folk came either to worship or to see. While inside the church the people were called to order and then to prayer, outside the usual group of men and boys stood laughing and joking. The mother's son of the night before was outside tonight as happy and jovial as ever.

An argument started about a new hat the boy was wearing. Another boy slightly tipped it, and it fell to the ground. The mother's son quickly instructed his friend not to do it again. A few moments passed and the hat was pushed from his head the second time, and a few blows were exchanged. While songs were sung and God was praised inside, outside a fight was brewing.

The men standing around, not willing to miss seeing a good fight, insisted that the boys move down the road and "fight it out." It was fought to a finish surely enough; for as the church service neared the end, the mother's

son fell to the ground with a knife wound in his back and his heart stabbed through. While up the road the preacher preached for sinners to repent, blood spurted from the boy's heart, and life ebbed quickly away. Just as the song leader began the invitation song, a messenger burst into the church with the plea, "Come quickly and pray; a boy is dying." It was too late now, for when those who prayed reached him, he lay on the bank—dead.

A horrible story? Yes! A sorrowful happening? Yes, very sorrowful. It is another solemn incident of God's mercy turning to wrath, and His Word "My spirit shall not always strive with man," being carefully fulfilled.

One of the stirring facts about God's mercy ending is that its ending is not governed by one's age. Sometimes one is old when his life is snatched from him without his being ready; then a lot too often a boy or girl is just on the threshold of life when God tires of his or her sins. Young folk must seek God now, for we have no promise of tomorrow. The farmer's fields produced bountifully. He thought he was fully ready to live but knew he was not ready to die. The very first night after he had decided he was ready to live, God called for him, and there was no time to prepare. He could have tried to resist leaving his well supplied farm and could have cried for time to repent, but he would have been refused, for death knows neither procrastination nor holidays. This prosperous farmer had to go into eternity screaming pitiful cries to a merciless

God. Don't you agree with the Scriptures in calling him a fool for not seeking God when he had a chance? It is good to aspire to a comfortable home and prestige, but before we get ready to live, let us get ready to die.

Before the boy was stabbed at church, he had no intention of dying and endeavored to dismiss the warning from his mind. Why should he think about dying? Wasn't he just beginning to live? Why, at twenty-two he was just now blooming into full manhood. "But God had set indelibly a mark, unseen by man, for man as yet was in the dark." The Lord had spoken, and His word is irrevocable. This young man seemingly was condemned by God, but a condemnation decreed by God hangs over the head of every unconverted young person today. According to St. John's gospel, you have already been condemned to go to hell, and nothing can remove that sentence except the blood of Jesus Christ, for "ye must be born again."

The mother wept sorrowful tears because of the passing of her son. The preacher was saddened as he endeavored to preach the funeral sermon of one who just a night or two before had sat under his ministry. It was all very sad. God was not to be blamed, for had He not frankly warned "it is appointed unto man once to die"? It is terrible not to be ready when death comes. Listen to the words of the poet:

"Sad, sad, sad will it be; O my brother, will it be for thee?
Hasten, come quickly before it's too late to enter the beautiful gate."

The paramount thing for us to do is not to accumulate wealth, nor cultivate our popularity, but, regardless of who we are or where we are, seek God now!

OUR GUESTS



This is a picture of the Knoxville, Tenn., District Convention which convened November 16. The personnel are: Front row, left to right: David Manning, Cecil Stansberry, E. K. Waldrop, Wayne Mowery, Cleo Watts. Second row, left to right: C. H. Webb, R. L. Alford, Newby Thompson, state youth director, R. E. Burnham, A. V. Beaubé, state overseer. Third row, left to right: Walter Webb, L. C. Gentry, George Alford, Charles Toliver, J. L. Goins.

PRAYER

D. H. Delk, Pastor, Bessemer City, N. C.

"In everything by prayer." The word "prayer" here means "worship, or pray to God." The first part of the verse says, "Be careful for nothing," which means don't be torn up, confused, bewildered, or filled with unbelief—which surely is timely advice—for this is a great day of alarm everywhere. Wars, woes, miseries, calamities, bad news, and sad news pile upon us now. **THE BEST AND ONLY WISE THING TO KEEP DOING IS—CONTINUE TO WORSHIP AND PRAY TO GOD.**

I feel that many say in their hearts, "What's the use of prayer? Does the Omniscient God need our words before He helps us? Will not the gracious God of mercy give all things good and useful to us?" To feel this way is like a farmer throwing away his plows, hoes, etc., then sitting down and saying, "God will give me a good crop, I guess. He's a God of mercy." **SOUNDS SILLY, DOESN'T IT?** All through the Bible we are taught to look to the Lord for help—to ask—call on Him—pray when we need help. **BUT PRAYER IS NOT JUST BEGGING GOD FOR MERCY WHEN WE ARE IN A TIGHT—**it is worshipping God, having communion with Him.

A nervous preacher who could not study well with noise about him was annoyed by his little girl coming into his study. He stopped and said, "My child, what do you want?" She said, "Nothing, Dadda." He said, "Well, why did you come in here then?" She answered, "Just to be with you, Dadda. Just to be with you." Once I was impressed by hearing a businessman say he loved to see and talk with folk who were not forever wanting a donation. Sometimes I wonder if our heavenly Father would not appreciate more gratitude and less begging.

A few days ago something a little out of the ordinary happened here. I got a nice letter of gratitude, which thanked me and my folk for flowers and prayer. It was a real letter of appreciation.

One mother told her bad little boy that she was afraid he did not pray. He answered, "I do pray for God to make you and Pa like my ways better." Let's pray for God to help us be like Him and love His ways more. It is high time for all men everywhere to lift up holy hands without wrath and doubting (in this world of war and hatred) and pray as we have never prayed. Prayer saved the day in World War I and World War II, and if the day is saved again, it will be through PRAYER, so let us cry mightily unto God. **HE HAD MERCY ON NINEVEH; MAYBE HE WILL ON US.** People who pray are not appreciated by the multitudes, but it's still our pressing duty to "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"; **TO PRAY ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER;** "In everything by prayer"—persistent prayer, like the boy who prayed for a drum: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I want a drum. I pray thee, Lord, I want a drum, my soul to keep; if I should

die before I wake, I want a drum." **KEEP ON ASKING, SEEKING, KNOCKING.**

GOD'S PROPHETIC TIMEPIECE

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Jesus returns. At least one thousand and seven years will mark time after Jesus returns. The little season of time will be short lived, then the white throne judgment will be set for the judging of the wicked dead that lived not. When the angel stands upon the waters and upon the earth to proclaim to the world that **TIME WILL BE NO LONGER**, we will then pass from **TIME** into **ETERNITY**.

When the **DAY** of the Lord comes, Jesus will descend from heaven, the dead will hear His voice, and the living will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. God's overcoming saints will escape the **TIME** of tribulation and stand before Jesus in midair. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:36. To the rapture-age of the church, the Philadelphia church, Jesus makes it known that they will escape tribulation. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the **HOUR OF TEMPTATION**, which shall come upon **ALL THE WORLD**, to try them that **DWELL UPON THE EARTH**," Rev. 3:10. To this same church age He promised to come, and quickly, with their crowns. "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown," Rev. 3:11. We will receive our crowns and rewards at His coming. "And, behold, I COME quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be," Rev. 22:12. "And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a **CROWN** of glory that fadeth not away," 1 Pet. 5:4.

Isaiah gives a very striking setting of the saints being kept from tribulation and meeting the Lord in the air. "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, **UNTIL THE INDIGNATION BE OVERPAST**," Isa. 26:20. Read verse 21, "For behold, the Lord **COMETH OUT OF HIS PLACE** to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." The saints will escape this punishment of tribulation and enjoy a stay in the midair. The marriage and supper will take place before we return to the earth on our white horses as the armies of heaven, following Jesus our King upon His white horse. Rev. 19:7-9; 19:11-14.

We shall reign, as **TIMED**, with Him a thousand years, Rev. 20:6; and that reign will be upon the earth. Rev. 5:9, 10. God has the passing away of the old heaven and earth **TIMED**. It will take place at the end of the little season at the time of the white throne judgment. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the **EARTH** and

the **HEAVEN** fled away; and there was found no place for them," Rev. 20:11. The new heaven and the new earth will appear after the judgment and the passing away of the old. "And I saw a **NEW HEAVEN** and a **NEW EARTH**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea," Rev. 21:1.

The last timed event appointed by the Lord will be the Holy City coming down out of heaven from God. Rev. 21:2. "And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the **TIME IS AT HAND**," Rev. 22:10. This scripture marks the end of all **TIME**. All things will be already decided upon, and **ETERNITY** will confront the souls in the lake of fire and those in God's care. **CHECK THE TIME, PLEASE.**

COMING EVENTS

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All reservations for the Congress Hotel should be mailed to the National Association of Evangelicals, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois, indicating the exact time and day of arrival and day of departure. Indicate the approximate cost of room desired and accommodations. The NAE office will make the reservation with the Congress Hotel, based on this information.

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NAE Studies Plans for Stewardship Department at Winona Lake, Ind.

The Board of Administrations of the National Association of Evangelicals has asked Mr. Alfred S. Hill to convene a meeting of financial directors and stewardship promoters of the various denominations or churches which are members of the Association, at which time a standing committee for the promotion of stewardship can be established.

If there is sufficient call for such a department, arrangements will be made for such a meeting at the time of the annual Convention to be held in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, April 10-13.

This matter has come into striking focus with the United Stewardship Council becoming a division of the National Council of Churches of Christ of America, so that membership in the United Stewardship Council means affiliation in the NCC.

HEROES OF FAITH

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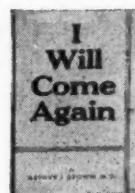
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